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Mayor Hancock Nominates Adam Phipps as Executive Director of DOTI

DENVER – Mayor Michael B. Hancock today nominated Adam Phipps to be Executive Director of the Department of Transportation & Infrastructure (DOTI). Phipps’ nomination as Executive Director is subject to confirmation by Denver City Council.

“The services provided by the Department of Transportation & Infrastructure are essential to a good quality of life for our residents and in our neighborhoods, as well as our recovery efforts as we continue to move forward from the pandemic,” Mayor Hancock said. “With critical voter-approved bond projects and other planning efforts getting underway in the near future, DOTI needs an experienced leader ready to hit the ground running to implement them. I have every confidence that Adam is that leader and the right person for this important role at this juncture for our city.”

Phipps, a licensed Professional Engineer and certified Project Management Professional, currently serves as interim Executive Director for DOTI. Prior to servicing as interim Executive Direction, he served as Deputy City Engineer, leading a team of approximately 200 individuals responsible for project planning, management and oversight of a \$500M+ annual capital investment into the city.

Phipps joined the then Denver Department of Public Works in 2016 as a Principal Project Manager responsible for the overall leadership and implementation of the Colorado Convention Center Expansion Program, consisting of a major vertical expansion, fire and life safety system upgrades, and facility-wide improvements. In 2018, he transitioned into the role of Program Implementation Manager for the Elevate Denver Bond Program, Denver’s largest General Obligation Bond program to date. Phipps later assumed the role of acting Director of Implementation, overseeing DOTI’s overall capital program with an emphasis on major projects including Colorado

Convention Center Expansion, 16th Street Mall Renovation, Colfax BRT implementation, the Urban Waterways Restoration Study and large programs including Elevate Denver & the National Western Center.

“I’m honored to be nominated for this role by Mayor Hancock and excited to balance the challenges of meeting the ever-increasing demands of building new capital infrastructure while also steering DOTI to become the ideal capital delivery program,” Phipps said. “To have the opportunity to lead this department and it’s talented and dedicated staff is the opportunity of a lifetime, and I look forward to meeting with members of City Council to talk about what I see as the future of DOTI in Denver.”

Phipps began his career in the construction industry as a Project Manager for one of Denver’s WBE Architectural/Engineering firms, providing engineering consulting services on a wide range of projects for federal agencies, state facilities, local municipalities, and private entities. In 2014, he joined the National Renewable Energy Laboratory providing technical oversight and subject matter expertise for the Project Management, Engineering and Construction Group.

Phipps, a Colorado native and volunteer fire lieutenant with the City of Golden Fire Department, holds a B.S. degree in Engineering from the Colorado School of Mines.

Denver's Department of Transportation and Infrastructure plans, designs, builds and delivers on the city’s infrastructure and to operates, maintains, regulates and enforces elements within the city’s right of way. DOTI, through its employees, enhances the quality of life in Denver by safely and efficiently delivering effective, high quality, sustainable and equitable public infrastructure and services, including mobility and solid waste and wastewater management.

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